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### **ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2020 State Rte 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995  
Sat – 5:30 pm; Sun - 10:00 a.m.  
Weekdays – Wed 6:30 pm & Fri 12 pm  
Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst  
Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

### **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH**

Mulberry Street, Stonefort, IL – 62987  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m.  
& First Saturday – 8:30 am  
Parish Council Chair: Mary Treat  
Trustees: Myron Cole, Stan Treat

**Shepherding** The Lord is my Shepherd, [Psalm 23](#) says, but there are human shepherds, too. In the [First Reading](#) God thunders against the human shepherds who are failures at shepherding.

Who are these miserable shepherds, these failures, with whom God is so indignant?

Well, you can tell who they are by what God is angry at in them. They are the human beings who have not cared for the sheep, and those sheep are God's people.

And what did they fail to do when they didn't care for the sheep? They didn't help the sheep get nurture; they drove the sheep away. They led the sheep in wrong directions. They scattered the sheep, so that instead of being one flock, the sheep were divided against each other into diverse small groups.

So think about it this way.

Every person has many of God's children in his care. Do you lust for someone who is not your spouse? Do you think you are caring for one of God's children when you do? Do you smoke and overeat? What impact do your bad habits have on God's children? Is there no one of God's people who will grieve over you when you get sick? Do you laze around and waste your gifts by doing nothing? Do you spend your time on foolish, frivolous things that help nobody? Do you think you are caring for God's people when you do? Do you gossip and undermine the reputation of others? Do you sow discord in your neighborhood, in your church, in your family? Are you a divisive presence in your community? Do you think you are caring for God's children when you are?

Surely no one of us is so benighted as to suppose that God's thundering against miserable shepherds is meant only for priests who aren't good enough. That thundering is a warning for each one of us. Every person has many of God's children in his care. The woman who empties your trash at work, the child in the row behind you who kicks your seat, the annoying non-stop talker at your dinner table, your old and highly inadequate mother, your very imperfect spouse—each of these is one of God's children, and each of them is in your care—a little or maybe even a lot.

All these are people that we ourselves shepherd—always with our Shepherd, whose grace we need to shepherd well. Let us be careful not to be miserable shepherds for him.

Eleonore Stump

Vol 19 # 29 **Seventeenth Sunday of Year, July 22, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

Sun	Jul 22	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Valrey Coleman
Tue	Jul 24	9am, 11 am		Shawnee, Vienna DOC
Wed	Jul 25	6:30 pm	SP	General Intention
Thr	Jul 26	11:30am, 1 pm		Marion Penitentiary
Fri	Jul 27	12:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sat	Jul 28	5:30 pm	SP	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jul 29	8:00 am	SFD	For the Parishioners
		10:00 am	SP	Emma Kinhead

<b>Birthdays</b>
Jul 22 Cynthia Webb
Jul 23 Hilary Nelson
Harper Widowski
Jul 26 Chuck Querrey
Steve Widowski
Jul 29 Riley Slife

**St Paul, Vienna**

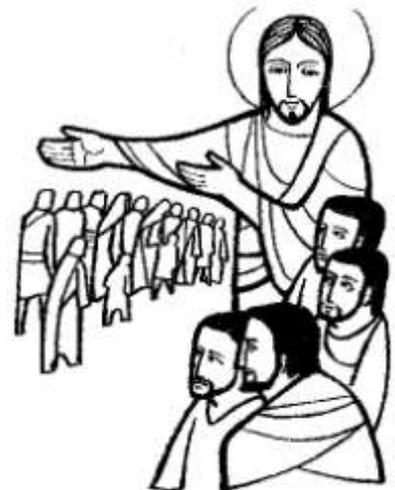
<p><b>Sun, Jul 22, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> L Slife, M Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Arlene Dueker  <b>Gifts:</b> H, X Gruszczuk  <b>Ushers:</b>S Widowski, Mt Slife  D. Zmuda Sr, J Bergmann  <b>E. Minister</b> S Moore  L Stoerger, F Dueker  <b>Greeter</b> Marc &amp; Beth Palmer</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jul 29, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> C Bergmann, B Bertram  <b>Lector:</b> Steve Widowski  <b>Gifts:</b> J Gale, J Hacker  <b>Ushers:</b>M McMahan P Widowski,  M Palmer, L Hinton,  <b>E. Minister</b> D Hopkins  B Palmer, Md Slife  <b>Greeter:</b> Carolyn Johnson</p>	<p><b>Sun, Aug 5, 10 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> B Bertram, M Bergmann  <b>Lector:</b> Joe Nelson  <b>Gifts:</b> Lonnie, Cathy Hinton  <b>Usher:</b>*A Stachowiak, D Bishop  Geri Tesina, R Beanland  <b>E. Minister</b> C Kruep  V Anderson, M Nelson  <b>Greeter:</b> Laurie Coleman</p>
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**St Francis DeSales, Stonefort**

<p><b>Sun, Jul 22: 8:00 pm</b>  <b>Server:</b> Cecilia Parks  <b>Lector:</b> LaVonne Herbert  <b>Gifts:</b> R Drone, M Moore</p>	<p><b>Sun, Jul 15: 8:00 am</b>  <b>Server:</b> Brenda Morse  <b>Lector:</b> Marietta Moore  <b>Gifts:</b> L Herbert, M Cole  <b>Usher:</b> David Parks</p>
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Sat Jul 21	Saturday mass .....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 22	St Francis DeSales Mass .....	8:00am
	St Paul Mass .....	10 am
Mon Jul 23	Joint Parish Steering Committee Mt.....	6 pm
Tues Jul 24	DOC Masses at Shawnee and Vienna..	9am & 11am
	August Calendar info deadline	
Wed Jul 25	Weekday Mass.....	5:30 pm
Thr Jul 26	Masses at Marion Penitentiary.....	11:30am, 1 pm
Fri Jul 27	Weekday Mass.....	12 pm
Sat Jul 28	Joint Parish Outing-Lake Glendale..swimming.	11am
	Saturday mass .....	5:30 pm
Sun Jul 29	St Francis DeSales Mass .....	8:00am
	St Paul Mass .....	10 am



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting are available in the bulletin rack.

**PARISH MINISTRY SURVEY RESULTS** from the May survey are posted on the bulletin board. The list has been sorted listing poorest ratings first to most excellent at the end by averaging participants' responses. Please share with parish council members your suggestions for improving those area which are fair to poor.

**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR PARISH MERGER MT** is rescheduled for Monday, July 23, 6 pm at St Paul.

**JOINT PARISH OUTING AT LAKE GLENDALE** This Saturday, July 28 at Lake Glendale parishioners are encouraged to gather for community and enjoying the outdoors. Swimming begins 11am, Picnic Lunch at noon, with options of boating, biking, hiking. Gather at Pine Point Picnic Area (by swimming area). More details on the bulletin board..

**DRAW-DOWN PARTY** October 20<sup>th</sup> Tickets are available for \$100.00 that may be shared by up to ten people. Tickets available from Dolly Hopkins, Madonna Slife, Matt Slife or after mass. Consolation prizes are needed. Parishioners are encouraged to solicit Gift cards and certificates for services of various businesses. Ideas and donations for Theme baskets are welcome.

**LADIES PLAY OUTING** An outing to include dinner and play at Marion Civic Center on Saturday, August 11 is being planned by the CCW. Brochure is posted on the bulletin board with info for reservations.

**NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE** available for August & September. Please note when you are scheduled for liturgical ministry and if unable to attend, try to trade or find a replacement.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Paul and Amanda Widowski on the birth of their son, Theos,

**BAD SHEPHERDS; GOOD SHEPHERD.** We can point to bad and lazy leaders. And long for relief. But we find a Good Shepherd in Jesus. He is more than mere leader. He is also provider and protector, teacher and guide. · Where do I see evidence of good shepherding today? · What guidance do I need? · To whom will I turn? Whom will I trust?

**THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL...USING YOUR GIFTS TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER**  
A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2018 CS&MA – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and clicking on "Giving". Diocesan ministries and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on you.

**CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED:** Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2018 Fall Retreat/Seminar**, Sept. 28 - 30, 2018 for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering Short-term mission service. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School in Chicago. Working in partnership with Loyola Stritch Medical School, medical professionals will also have the opportunity to obtain CME for attending the weekend. Visit the website: [www.MissionDoctors.org/loyola](http://www.MissionDoctors.org/loyola) or call the office for more information (213) 368-1872..

## **Faith and Your Children : Prayer-Conditioning Your Family**

I recently saw a sign that would make a great welcoming message for our front door: "Come on in! Our home is prayer-conditioned."

We begin prayer-conditioning our family with family prayer times. The children learn during this family sharing that God is central to daily life. But prayer is not a thing we "take out" of our hearts on schedule, then tuck away for another day. Real prayer is an ongoing dialogue with our loving God.

This sort of spontaneous dialogue does not come naturally to most children. We need to coach them in the art of just "being with God," of praying without words, of listening for God with quiet minds. To practice this with them, we can include a moment of silent prayer in every family prayer plan.

Our next step in the prayer-conditioning process is to help the children "connect" with God. This really isn't hard. When we share a spontaneous prayer such as "Thank you, God, for giving us a nice day for our picnic," we make a quick connection with God for our children to witness and imitate.

Our children's needs signal other connections. One mother heard her daughter talking to an imaginary friend. Realizing the girl was lonely, the mother told her about Jesus, her real Friend. Whatever she does, wherever she goes, the mother promised, Jesus is with her. The real Friend quickly replaced the imaginary one.

Opportunities to make our children aware of God's presence can happen quite naturally. Before a big test, we suggest they invite God to study with them. We send them off to school with a blessing: "God be with you today." At bedtime, we ease their fears by assuring them of God's constant care. By using these common everyday feelings and events, we make God present and create occasions for God-child relationships to grow.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." It is our challenge as Catholic parents to set them on the journey that leads to him.

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### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Imagine being a caretaker of people in the way that a shepherd is for sheep. What can you do about the fear people experience all over the world due to injustice? Can you do anything to remedy any of the injustice? Is there anything you can do about unfair situations in your own living area?

Using the present reading from Ephesians as a guide, how might people resolve their differences, or in other words break down walls that divide them? Can the families of victims forgive a killer? Does this action break down a dividing wall?

What does Jesus do in this Gospel story that is an example of good shepherding?

Discuss compassion versus power as attributes of good leadership.

**NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES:** Seventeenth Sunday of the Year 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ps 145; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15